The Baroneſs de Stael ſpeaks the ſame language as the lady juſt cited, with more enthuſiaſm. Her eulogium on Rouſſeau was accidentally put into my hands, and her ſentiments, the ſentiments of too many of my ſex, may ſerve as the text for a few comments. 'Though 'Rouſſeau,' ſhe obſerves, 'has endeavoured 'to prevent women from interfering in public 'affairs, and acting a brilliant part in the 'theatre of politics; yet in ſpeaking of them, 'how much has he done it to their ſatisfac-'tion! If he wiſhed to deprive them of 'ſome rights foreign to their ſex, how has 'he for ever reſtored to them all thoſe to 'which it has a claim! And in attempting to 'diminiſh their influence over the delibera-'tions of men, how ſacredly has he eſta-'bliſhed the empire they have over their 'happineſs! In aiding them to deſcend from 'an uſurped throne, he has firmly ſeated 'them upon that to which they were deſ-'tined by nature; and though he be full 'of indignation againſt them when they en-'deavour to reſemble men, yet when they 'come before him with all the *charms*, *weak-'neſſes*, *virtues* and *errors*, of their ſex, his 'reſpect for their *perſons* amounts almoſt to 'adoration.'

'adoration.' True!—For never was there a ſenſualiſt who paid more fervent adoration at the ſhrine of beauty. So devout, indeed, was his reſpect for the perſon, that excepting the virtue of chaſtity, for obvious reaſons, he only wiſhed to ſee it embelliſhed by charms, weakneſſes, and errors. He was afraid leſt the auſterity of reaſon ſhould diſturb the ſoft playfulneſs of love. The maſter wiſhed to have a meretricious ſlave to fondle, entirely dependent on his reaſon and bounty; he did not want a companion, whom he ſhould be compelled to eſteem, or a friend to whom he could confide the care of his children's education, ſhould death deprive them of their father, before he had fulfilled the ſacred taſk. He denies woman reaſon, ſhuts her out from knowledge, and turns her aſide from truth; yet his pardon is granted, becauſe 'he admits the paſſion of love.' It would require ſome ingenuity to ſhew why women were to be under ſuch an obligation to him for thus admitting love; when it is clear that he admits it only for the relaxation of men, and to perpetuate the ſpecies; but he talked with paſſion, and that powerful ſpell worked on the ſenſibility of a young